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**DUXBURY MAN INDICTED IN THEFT OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS
FROM SOUTH SHORE MAGAZINE**

BROCKTON – A Duxbury man has been indicted on charges he stole thousands of dollars in a scheme to sell magazine advertising and then pocket the proceeds from the magazine after the ads ran, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

Theodore A. Stamas II (DOB: 01/04/61) was indicted by a Plymouth County Grand Jury on one count of Larceny Over \$250 by Single Scheme.

Stamas worked as an independent contractor selling ads for South Shore Magazine. Stamas agreed to sell advertising space to customers and the customer would write out a check to Black Rock Advertising which was a corporate entity for South Shore Magazine. As part of Stamas' contract, he received a commission check that was a percentage of the ad price.

In April 2013, the magazine owner began to notice problems with cash flow and confronted Stamas who told them customers had not been paying on time.

In December 2013, the magazine contacted all of their clients and learned that they were writing their payment checks directly to Stamas, at his direction. Bank records show that Stamas cashed or deposited at least 50 checks worth tens of thousands of dollars in ad revenue that was never provided to the magazine and was instead stolen by Stamas. South Shore Magazine published all of the ads that the clients paid Stamas for.

Stamas will be arraigned at a later date.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Keara Kelley and was investigated by Hingham Police.

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